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LETTER DATED 16 SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continue to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

I

1. American air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 11/12 September 1991 amounted to 12 sorties flown by six two-aircraft formations at speeds of 650 to 750 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 2,000 to 7,000 metres.
2. The air activity centred over Dohuk, Arbil, Mosul, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah, Tall 'Afar and Rawanduz, for the purpose of observation and provocation.
3. At 1700 hours on the same day, two F-16 aircraft flew at altitudes of 100 to 400 metres and at a speed of 700 kilometres per hour over the Tall 'Afar airfield.

II

1. United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace on 12/13 September 1991, for the purpose of observation and provocation. They carried out 22 sorties flown by six two-aircraft formations, one three-aircraft formation and seven single aircraft, at speeds of 600 to 800 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 7,000 metres.
2. The American air activity centred over Dohuk, Mosul, Arbil, Tall 'Afar, Rawanduz, Zakho and Amadiyah.

III

1. At 1755 hours on 12/13 September 1991 a four-aircraft formation violated our international frontier from the direction of Kuwait, penetrating between 5 and 7 kilometres south of the Artawi airfield.

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2. American air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 13/14 September 1991 amounted to 29 sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 850 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging from 3,500 to 7,500 metres.

3. The air activity centred over Zakho, Amadiyah, Arbil, Mosul, Dohuk and Tall 'Afar, for the purpose of observation and provocation.

4. Iraqi airspace was violated to a depth of between 25 and 30 kilometres by four aircraft - two single aircraft and one two-aircraft formation - entering from Saudi airspace at speeds of 500 to 720 kilometres per hour.

5. At 2150 hours six helicopters were observed hovering north of Sadd al-Mawsil.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
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